



Welcome from the President Mike Carlucci

Hello fellow Part-Timers and welcome to our 2nd Coast CCA Newsletter... I hope you had a super holiday season and you are up and running for your Spring Semester class. I know we closed out a remarkably very outlandish year in 2016. As we adjust to changes in our lives that may take place, let's keep the positive flow as we continue to provide a fine teaching/working atmosphere and experience to our students.

By all means keep tabs with us on our website CoastCCA.Org as we continue to progress its' growth and production. As in the past, if you have any ideas or have some needs to be addressed, please fill out our survey on the website. You can also contact me or one of our staff directly at Mike@CoastCCA.Org or V.P. of Grievance & Negotiations, Richard Boddie at Richard@CoastCCA.Org. or V.P. of Membership & Communications, Lynn Buller at Lynn@CoastCCA.Org, and last but not least, Executive Director, Rick Boone at Rick@CoastCCA.Org. Keep in mind, we all teach, as you do, and some of us have other lines of employment affiliated with our subject we teach, so bear with us. We will try to return your email or call ASAP; we all understand how class prep time, grading, and responding to emails is time consuming. We appreciate your patience.

I am back, at the Conference wheel, attending the Winter 2017 conference in L.A. and would like to point out that these conferences are so vital for information on state budgetary issues, and the on-going battles thru the state legislature. Also, the workshops are awesome. I will post any info./details that I find suitable on CoastCCA.Org

At Coast CCA we are here to serve the betterment of the P.T. instructor that is at 7.5 LHEs and below. We continue to push for new important items and concerns, in our contract, that need to be addressed and we have the best tools of representation to do our best in implementing better conditions.

Hope to see you all at the Annual Coast CCA Spring Social coming up in May (Details on the back page) ...Until then, have a great Spring and a Super 2017!!!!...

Did you know language in our current contract provides for Professional Development?

Funds may be utilized for registration and reasonable approved expenses on a first-come first-served basis with a limit of two applications per person/semester not to exceed \$700 per application.

Our Orange Coast College Makes National News

RICHARD B. BODDIE, J.D.

What's good for the goose, as the old adage says, is, or at least should be good for the gander. Eh?

Before I begin this article, I must state that I'm not a member of any organized political party. I'm a libertarian! :->) And have been one since 1938. And my last name is pronounced "body," and thus the pun on the famous words in the title. I was born intuitively leaning toward supporting the rights of the individual as a result of my Afro American (formerly Negro, colored, a.k.a. African American) culture. My personal two pillars of principle as a libertarian are: "Do all you agree to do, and do not encroach on other people or other people's property." Additionally, please leave me alone unless I ask for your help or involvement.

And know that I have been on the faculty at Coastline since 2000, teaching business law, American history, but mostly political science, specifically American government and politics, California state and local government, and survey of current issues. I have been involved with the Coast Community College Association (that's the part-time faculty union here in the CCC District) that encompasses Orange Coast College, Coastline Community College and Golden West College, since 2003. I earned a law degree from Syracuse University, College of Law in 1970, and have been on the faculty several other colleges and universities part time since then. Like our recent former POTUS, as well as my personal friend and law school colleague, Joe

Biden, I also have taught Constitutional law over the years, including involvement in actual real life cases regarding academic freedom, free speech, civil rights, and racial discrimination in employment, among other things.

So I begin this article by saying that academic freedom as well as objective tolerance are seriously threatened today here in America. There is clearly a full-fledged attack on free speech in academia today. Academic freedom for the non liberal, non-progressive, student is in great jeopardy nationwide, as recently seen in the cradle of the free speech movement of the last century, Cal Berkeley, and regretfully now here at OCC. The intolerance, however, appears to be only toward those with whom they are not in agreement, which is perilously akin to all other nations on earth and their institutions, with the sole exception of ours, originally.

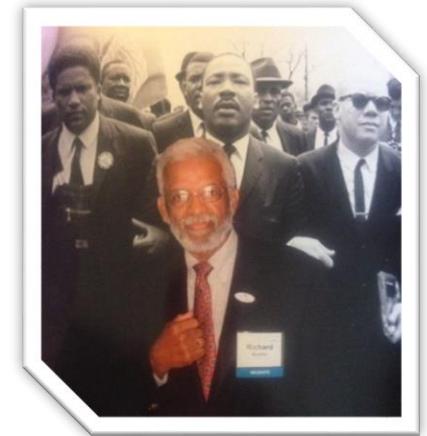
And I must share here that I do regret that our partner union at CCD, Local 1911 of the Coast Federation of Educators, which is our full time faculty union, has come to a completely opposite position from mine in this matter. But reasonable people can and do come to different conclusions regarding similar facts and circumstances.

The Boddie Politic

Orange Coast College has apparently turned its back on academic freedom and integrity with the suspension of freshman student, Caleb O'Neil, for recording Olga Perez Stable Cox, his human sexuality instructor, who made clearly incendiary comments about the election of Donald Trump (a.k.a. "The Donald") and his supporters DURING (a human sexuality) CLASS of all things (not a political science or history class).

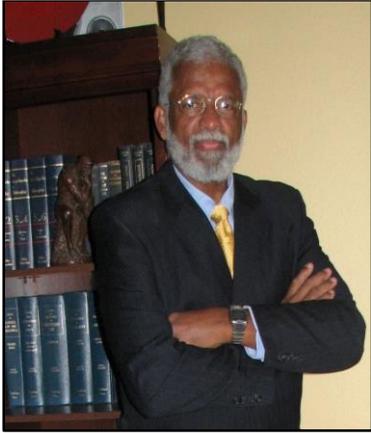
As mentioned, the controversy has become national news. "O'Neil video-taped Cox as she called the election of Trump 'and act of terrorism' and declared that those 'leading the assault are among us," according to the Orange County Register reports. "It's not some stranger coming in from another country coming in and attacking our sense of what it means to be an American." Caleb claimed that the professor also said she would "no longer tolerate any person who voted for Trump". O'Neil openly campaigned for Trump, and Cox knew that. So he was justifiably afraid that his instructor might retaliate against him.

So he recorded her comments and shared them with the OCC president and administration. Now this student is being punished, because the recording apparently went against the CCD rules about recording on school grounds without consent from those being recorded. The college said that the student violated the student code of conduct, as well as Cox's syllabus, which prohibits students from recording class proceedings.



"Unauthorized recording is a serious violation of the Student Code of Conduct," wrote Interim Dean of Students, Victoria Lugo, in a letter to O'Neil. Serious? Come on.... (I personally ask my students to PLEASE record or video anything they wish in all of my live brick and mortar or hybrid classes or review sessions.) By the way, it's important to know and note that O'Neil isn't being charged with violating the law. He's accused of violating college policy and the class syllabus. But he's expelled and the source of the entire problem is not even approached with any sanction in this convoluted game.

To be sure, the freshman broke the rules about recording in class, but those rules are also quite absurd, especially considering that recording lectures is a common way for college students to study course material. And again, Olga Cox is not a political science instructor, where the topic could possibly be relevant, and this was clearly a political issue. In addition, her



tolerance and inclusion. But the anti-free speech politically correct "snowflake" trend on college campuses of late is tolerance of only one viewpoint. It's inclusion only for those who happen to agree.

"In a free society, Cox has a right to her opinion and to express her opinion, but she also has a job to do. Her statements, and reportedly asking Trump supporting students to stand and be counted, are not intended to further rational discourse in any way. Academic freedom is not the right to spew rhetoric from a lectern, but rather to challenge ideas and beliefs, especially those from positions of authority, like your professors, free from recourse. Instead, in this era of safe places and trigger warnings, academic freedom seems to have come to mean the freedom to ignore scholarship and views of those with whom you disagree." O.C. Register Editorial. Opinion February 19, 2017.

But what about the teacher? Here I share from a recent letter to the editor in the OCR, by retired OCC faculty member, Stephen Robinson, regarding this whole thing. "Singling out and punishing Caleb, for his behavior, while blatantly ignoring the equally inappropriate behavior of Olga Cox is wrong." As grievance chair of the part time faculty union here, and as with Dr. Robinson, I am frequently involved with issues brought against faculty by both administrators and on occasion by students. Happily, with the far greater proportion of the grievance resolutions,

opinions should not be considered proprietary information protected by copyright, OCC being in a public institution, and not some private company. Furthermore, Cox's rants and opinions didn't belong in that classroom. We as teachers are meant to teach, and actually not persuade, nor intimidate, or indoctrinate students with our biases.

At the core, this was and remains a full-fledged assault on free speech, as well as a desire to intimidate and squash different political opinions. Surely, if Cox didn't want her words shared publicly, she shouldn't have uttered them in that lecture hall. It's also unlikely that this situation would have played out the same way had the roles been reversed. Had O'Neil recorded a teacher making inflammatory pro-Trump remarks, he would have undoubtedly been held up as a hero of tolerance and inclusion. But the anti-free speech politically correct

Olga Perez Stable Cox wears the stain of culpability here for instigating this entire unfortunate situation. I find it impossible to believe that her inflammatory classroom actions and comments are in either her syllabus or her lesson plan.

Should the District punish or reprimand Ms. Cox for her unprofessional behavior, as they have the student? Stephen Robinson states, "This is a tough call, as both faculty and student rights are paramount.... So, let's approach this from a cause-and-effect position. Had Olga ... stuck to her syllabus and not strayed into her political biases of the moment, would Caleb O'Neil have committed the infraction he is accused of? Objectively, no, of course not; no cause, therefore, no effect." No harm, no foul, as Chick Hearn used to say.

So, the administration of Orange Coast College should retract the needless and harmful punishment upon Caleb O'Neil. He was bullied, and justifiably concerned. He went to the administration for help, and they delayed for too long. So in the midst of this modern social media, "selfie" or selfish age, the world saw and heard what was done to the student (who by the way, is not on Facebook or any other of those detractive apps).

To add insult to injury Orange Coast College apparently has required the student to write a letter of apology and a three-page essay explaining his decision to record Ms. Cox, share it publicly and discuss "the impact of going 'viral' and the ensuing damage to Orange Coast College students, faculty and staff" before being allowed to return. OUCH !!

The notion that a public college can compel a student to write an apology for publicizing is professor's political statements and rants is not only a bit worrisome, but it's crazy. Students should generally be protected from compelled speech. I submit that if sanctions remain against the student, some of equal weight must be brought against the instructor. And SHE needs to apologize to Caleb, and any other Trump students. And then maybe she might be required to write an essay or two, also.

Finally, just seriously think about what if this same crazy situation were reversed with a Hillary or Bernie supporter recording a hyper pro-Trump instructor who went off script as Olga did? That student would probably be making national news but as a hero, and the wrath would switch to the instructor. Free speech for student and instructor. What's good for the goose....

But as Dennis Miller is known for saying after many of his rants, "but of course, I could be wrong!"

~ RBB/TBP

P.S. I saw a photo in the newspaper of some OCC students rallying, including those in the Feminist Club, in support of Olga Cox on December 12, 2012. One big sign said "RESPECT".... I really thought that person was on the wrong side.



Welcome Lynn!

Lynn Buller joins Coast CCA as the V.P. of Membership & Communications. Lynn has been an active member of CCA for several years. Lynn is currently teaching at GWC and CCC in the Business Computer Departments. Lynn is honored to be part of the executive team and would love to get to know each and everyone of you! Don't hesitate to reach out to her if you have any questions and of course ... to say "hello."

Spring Celebration

Join us for CCA Part-time Faculty Social Dinner and Mixer (For You & One Guest)

- ✦ Mingle with fellow educators and colleagues from OCC, GWC, CCC, and District
- ✦ Meet your Coast CCA Board of Directors.
- ✦ Social hour with host bar and hors d'oeuvres.
- ✦ Delicious dinner buffet and dessert.
- ✦ Great musical stylings with Matthew Akiona.
- ✦ RAFFLE for a chance to win great gift cards & certificates!

COSTA MESA COUNTRY CLUB
1701 Golf Course Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626
Friday May 5th, 2017
5:30pm to 9:30pm

Please RSVP by April 22nd

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